

# Church of SAINT THOMAS MORE

*A Community of Parish and University Ministry*

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**April 23, 2023: 3rd Sunday of Easter**



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## SUNDAY LITURGIES

**Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm**

**Sunday: 9:00 am & 11:15 am & 5:00 pm Student Mass**

## WEEKDAY MASS

**12:10pm Mass Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday**

**Call the office to confirm.**

## OFFICE HOURS

**Mon, Tues & Thurs: 9am-3pm; Wed 9-1pm (ring doorbell)**

**Closed Friday**

## SACRAMENTS

**Reconciliation:** Saturday, 4:00 - 4:30 pm or by appointment.

**Baptism:** Call office to register for class & date of celebration.

**Marriage:** Call office to schedule appointment at least six months prior.

**Anointing of Sick:** Call office anytime.

**Inquiries & Reception in Catholic Faith (RCIA):** Call Roberta ext. 115.

**First Communion, First Reconciliation & Youth Confirmation:**

Call Director of Faith Formation at ext. 110.

**April 23, 2023**  
**3rd Sunday of Easter**

**Welcome Child of God!**

*No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church,  
No matter your personal history, age, income, background, gender, race, ethnicity or spirituality, or marital situation,  
No matter your own self-image of holiness or virtue,  
You belong to Jesus Christ and you belong to us!  
You are invited, accepted and respected here at the Parish of Saint Thomas More.*

*Take our hands, Lord Jesus, leading us in courage to confront with courage the forces which oppress and divide.  
Take our hearts, Lord Jesus, and open them to the truth which will set others free.  
Accompany us on our way, Lord Jesus, as we seek to share our Roman Catholic faith and life in your Spirit.*



**Emmaus**

“**Stay with us.**” It was a small gesture of thoughtfulness that reaps a wonderful gift. Two grieving disciples on the way to Emmaus recognize Jesus at Table in the breaking of bread.

The various accounts of the Lord’s Resurrection appearances stress that he could be touched, that he could communicate and share food with his disciples. It is the same Lord who had taught the disciples that we will be nourished and enlightened by sharing our lives with one another.

Christ is still present to be touched and we are still able to share our food with him. So we pray: Father, open our spiritual eyes to see the presence of your beloved Son in one another. Bless us as we come to the Table of the Lord and see him again in the Breaking of the Bread.

This week try and recall a time when you had an encounter with Christ in a person or an event. How did you recognize him?

Easter Peace,  
*Fr. Andrew*

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**MASSES & OFFICE HOURS**

**WEEKEND MASSES**

Saturday 5pm  
Sunday 9am, 11:15am 5pm UNH Mass

**WEEKDAY MASS-IN THE CHURCH**

12:10pm Mass-Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

**OFFICE HOURS**

Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday 9-3pm  
Wednesday, 9-1pm ([ring doorbell](#))

**Closed Friday.**

**April 22nd-23rd; Third Sunday of Easter**

Reading I: Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-23  
Reading II: 1 Peter 1:17-21  
Gospel: Luke 24: 13-35

**April 29th-30th; Fourth Sunday of Easter (World Vocation Day)**

Reading I: Acts of the Apostles 2:14a, 36-41  
Reading II: 1 Peter 2:20b-25  
Gospel: John 10:1-10



**April 22nd-23rd; Third Sunday of Easter**

Saturday 8pm – St. Thomas More Parishioners  
Sunday, 9am – † Walter & Bernice Kozyra  
Sunday, 11:15am – † Deceased STM Parishioners

**April 29th-30th; Fourth Sunday of Easter (World Vocation Day)**

Saturday 5pm – St. Thomas More Parishioners  
Sunday 9am – STM Choir (40th Anniversary)  
Sunday 11:15 am – Jerry Sorge (Thanksgiving)



## STM FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

Faith Formation Grades K-5th classes completed

Registration for Fall Classes are now being accepted

Middle School Youth Ministry- [stmmsfaith@gmail.com](mailto:stmmsfaith@gmail.com)

Classes completed Registration for Fall Classes are now being accepted

High School Youth Ministry- [stmHSYM@gmail.com](mailto:stmHSYM@gmail.com)

Please contact Felicia Sperry for more information

Please contact Ann McGurty at 603-868-2666 or email [stmfaith@comcast.net](mailto:stmfaith@comcast.net) for more information and Sacrament inquiry.  
*LIFE- Living In Faith Everyday*



## OFFERTORY UPDATE:

Average Weekly  
Regular Offertory Amount needed to meet our Annual Budget = \$ **5,192.31**

**April 7th, Good Friday- \$ 415.00**

**April 9th, Easter- \$ 3,040.00**

**Offertory for April 9th- \$ 6,755.50**

**Offertory for April 16th- \$ 5,555.00**

*"Give and it shall be given to you." - Luke 6:38*

**Thank you for your generous contributions.**



*Easter*  
Memorial  
Flowers

## MEMORIALS FOR DECEASED LOVED ONES

Imbro Family

Aurilio Family

Blass Family

Holtzman Family

Cathy Coakley



## FOOD PANTRY

**MANY THANKS** to all of our Food Pantry volunteers for their dedication and service to our Community.

There are Many Ways to HELP Food Pantry, for more information contact Cindy Racic at [STMPantry@gmail.com](mailto:STMPantry@gmail.com) or call 603-781-0945.

We are grateful to all who have donated to our Food Pantry. Here are items needed in the pantry:

- \* Cream Soups
- \* Soups other than tomato, chicken noodle/rice or vegetable
- \* Pancake syrup

Food donations are always appreciated. Please drop off at the Student Center between the glass door entrance.

*You could be our  
Next Winner! Hurry.*

## 200 CLUB

**If you don't have a number, you can't be a winner.**

The next 200 Club drawing is April 30th

There's enough time to become a new member or renew your membership.

Subscription options are for 3, 6 or 12 months, at a cost of \$50, \$100 or \$200 respectively.

Simply write a check made payable to **St. Thomas More Church**. Don't forget to **put 200 Club in the memo section**. Mail it, along with your contact information [address, phone, and email], to the parish office at **St Thomas More Parish, PO Box 620, Durham NH 03824**

For additional member information contact Tom Dolan at [tomdolan84@hotmail.com](mailto:tomdolan84@hotmail.com) or 603-519-0369



## ST. THOMAS MORE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

**St. Thomas More Prayer Shawl Ministry** will meet Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 11:00 am in the Student Center Library. Please join us.

Our ministry provides prayer shawls for special celebrations and for the sick or lonely, and we provide baby blankets for Baptisms.

If you have any questions or know anyone who would benefit from God's healing love by receiving a shawl, please contact the STM office at 603-868-2666 or Mary Ann Marchi at 603-868-2019.



*Do you recognize Christ in your life and hope to make Him known to others? Perhaps you are being called to the priesthood or consecrated life. If you are considering this possibility, contact the Vocation Office at (603) 663-0196 or email: [mmason@rcbm.org](mailto:mmason@rcbm.org)*





**New Hampshire Catholic Appeal: May 6-7 begins the annual New Hampshire Catholic Appeal: Future of Our Faith II, Many Parts, One Body (NHCA), an initiative designed to strengthen our ministries for the Church in New Hampshire and to reduce the number of annual second collections at parishes. Last year, 41 parishes participated in the appeal and raised over \$1.4M. This year all 88 parishes in N.H. will participate including our parish. The Appeal will take place May 6-7 at Mass. The NHCA supports the care for our retired and elderly priests, seminarian education and vocations, Catholic education, evangelization through Parable magazine, Catholic Charities NH. and more. Everyone in our parish will receive more information in the mail soon. You will also receive a special Parish ID Code (41830), which credits the donation to our parish St. Thomas More. Please keep the Church in New Hampshire in your prayers that we may grow together and carry our faith into the future. For more information, go to <https://www.catholicnh.org/nhca>**



## St. Thomas More Food Pantry Co-Chairpersons Needed

After leading the pantry as a Chairperson or Co- Chair for 23 years, Cindy Racic is retiring. Her efforts have helped make the STM Food Pantry an extension of the Parish's mission to serve all and a valued and vital community service to the Town of Durham and the surrounding communities.

The pantry needs 2 to 3 Co-Chairs to lead and support a dedicated group of experienced volunteers and manage the resources that have been developed over the years. The pantry operations are well defined and divided among three functional areas: Administrative, Operations and Logistics.

**The pantry has been in operation for over 35 years, we need your help to continue this vital ministry.** Training and on-going support will be provided. For more information please contact Cindy Racic at 603-781-0945 or E-mail at [cynth95419@aol.com](mailto:cynth95419@aol.com) or [stmpantry@gmail.com](mailto:stmpantry@gmail.com).



## Music Ministry

Forty years ago, in April of 1983, The St. Thomas More Folk group formally began their ministry with the blessing and encouragement of Father Dick Thompson, the pastor. He recognized the need for a consistent, prayerful music presence at the 9am Sunday liturgy. The initial group was a heterogeneous mixture of young, not so young, parents, students and individuals who grew to love and enjoy being together as well as sing and praise God through their love of music. The initial repertoire of songs was small, but over the decades, with the guidance and direction of effective leaders, the music and singing became more diverse, and dare we say, melodious, although none were turned away for singing off key! Enthusiasm and commitment were the key ingredients of a music minister.

As it is true in life, the years have brought loss through death and transitions, but each member has embroidered the fabric of the group with their own special talents, and unique qualities. Like the well of living water, we have been blessed by new lives and strengthened and reminded of our roots by the long standing members who were there at the beginning. As a new decade begins, we are grateful for the heartfelt support of all our fellow parishioners, Father Andy and Father John, Roberta MacBride and each other. The words of a favorite hymn remind us of our ultimate focus *"In every age, O God, you have been our refuge, You have been our hope."*



Did you know? The Diocese of Manchester requires all those who work with children and youth in our parishes, schools, and camps to complete "safe environment" training. This training teaches adults to recognize and report suspected abuse and boundary violations. Training is offered free of charge to all NH Catholic adults and is available online at <https://manchester.cmgconnect.org>

For more information about child safety, visit [www.catholicnh.org/safety](http://www.catholicnh.org/safety)



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



**Week of April 23rd-April 29th**

## STUDENT EVENTS

### Monday:

Board Meeting 5p-Student Center

### Tuesday:

Men's Group Bible Study-7pm  
(Lighthouse Prayer Room)

Women's Bible Study-8p Zoom

Wednesday: CSO Meeting 7:15pm  
MUB 162

**SATURDAY: SPRING RETREAT.** St. Joseph's  
Church, Dover, NH 9:00am-3:30pm

### UPCOMING UNH Student Mass Schedule

Sunday April 30th 5pm-FINAL STUDENT MASS!  
GOOD LUCK WITH FINALS!

Homemade meal to follow Student Masses!



### **Spring Fling Celebration Semi-Formal**

**Saturday May 6th from 8-10:30pm in the  
Stafford Room of the MUB**

**This event is FREE and for all students!**



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BURN WITHIN US?

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April 25– Mark (d. 68) Author of the  
Second Gospel. Companion to Saints  
Peter and Paul. First bishop of Alexan-  
dria. Symbol is the winged lion.

April 27-Louis de Montfort (d. 1716)  
Priest with an ardent devotion to Mary.  
Coined the phrase "Totus tuus". Wrote  
*True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin*. A  
favorite of JP II.



### **UNH Catholic Student Organization News for Spring 2023 Students**

*If you would like additional information, please  
contact our Campus Minister,*

*Derick Alexandre—[unhstm@gmail.com](mailto:unhstm@gmail.com) or  
Blaise O'Mara—[blaise.omara@unh.edu](mailto:blaise.omara@unh.edu)*

*Stay tuned for more exciting events happening this  
semester.*

*Hope to see you at the next meeting  
Wednesday, April 26th at 7:15pm in MUB 162*

*Sunday Mass with Supper to Follow*

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